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SUBJECT: PANAM/KLM AIRCRAFT COLLISION

1. ACCORDING TO SPANISH AIR MINISTRY, PAN AMERICAN BOEING 747 COLLIDED ON THE RUNWAY WITH A KLM 747 AT TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY 16:40 LOCAL TIME MARCH 27, 1977. PRELIMINARY REPORTS UNCONFIRMED INDICATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 240 DEAD AND MANY INJURED. PAN AM OFFICE, MADRID INFORMED EMBASSY THEIR AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY ROYAL CRUISE LINES, LOS ANGLES, CALIFORNIA WAS ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO LAS PALMAS WITH 390 PASSENGERS AND CREW ALL BELIEVED TO BE US CITIZENS.

2. EMBASSY INFORMED AT 0010 HOURS LOCAL TIME MARCH 28 BY MADRID PANAM REPRESENTATIVE, STANLEY BAUSER THAT INFORMATION IN TENERIFE INDICATES 350 DEAD OF TOTAL 390 ON PAN AM FLIGHT AND 243# DEAD OF TOTAL 242 ON KLM FLIGHT. CONDITION OF 40 SURVIORS ON PAN AM FLIGHT UNKNOWN.

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3. EMBASSY TEAM HEADED BY ADMIN COUNSELOR AND INCLUDING TWO CONSULAR OFFICERS, AIR ATTACHE MEDICAL OFFICER AND PRESS OFFICER SCHEDULED DEPART MADRID AT ABOUT 0040 HOURS MARCH 28 FOR TENERIFE VIA MACC AIRCRAFT SINCE TENERIFE AIRPORT EXPECTED BE CLOSED WILL GO TO GANDO AIRPORT LAS PALMAS ETA 0500 LOCAL TIME WITH ONWARD TRAVEL OF TEAM TO TENERIFE BY BOAT BACK UP TEAM HAS BEEN

ORGANIZED IN EMBASSY.

4. SPANISH AIR MINISTRY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NTSB/FAA
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM ON STAND BY IN WASHINGTON
SPANISH TEAM PLANNING DEPART FOR TENERIFE APPROXIAMTELY
SAME TIME AS EMBASSY TEAM. WHEN EMBASSY RECEIVES WORD
THAT SPANISH WISH US ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORMED. EMBASSY HAS
RECEIVED NO REPORT YET FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INJURED

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ALL DEVELOPMENTS PROMPTLY. WE DO
NOT DESIRE MINIMIZE AT THIS TIME. EATON

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